



H.CON.RES. 295 – EXPRESSING THE DEEPEST APPRECIATION OF CONGRESS TO THE FAMILIES OF MEMBERS OF THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES

FLOOR SITUATION

H.Con.Res. 295 is being considered on the floor under suspension of the rules and will require a two-thirds majority vote for passage. This legislation was introduced by Representative Gus Bilirakis (R-FL) on February 13, 2008. The resolution was referred to the House Committee on Armed Services, but was never considered.

H.Con.Res. 295 is expected to be considered on the floor of the House on July 14, 2008.

SUMMARY

H.Con.Res. 295 resolves that Congress expresses its deepest appreciation to the families, both immediate and extended, of members of the United States Armed Forces for the unwavering support, both physical and emotional, that family members give their loved ones while they answer the call to serve their country and keep the United States safe.

BACKGROUND

According to the Department of Defense, there currently are more than 2 million personnel serving in the U.S. Armed Forces. A February 2007 report by the Presidential Task Force on Military Deployment Services for Youth, Families and Service Members found that there were more than 700,000 with at least one parent deployed on active military duty. Military families provide support to deployed family members through activities such as e-mail and letter correspondence and sending personal items such as family pictures.

The Department of Defense (DOD) provides support resources to assist military personnel and their families during periods of deployment. One such resource is Military Homefront, which provides information about DOD Quality of Life programs and services to both active and retired service members, and their families. These programs provide information about topics that military families may need information about such as child and spouse education, financial management, psychological support programs, and other opportunity programs that are intended to help support the well-being of these families.

[DOD Military Homefront website](#)

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